

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 22, line 27, through page 23, line 7, as follows:

The present invention overcomes the deficiencies by implementing a packet encrypted data transmission method. In accordance with this aspect of the present invention, the premises server packages the monitoring device data into smaller sized data packets. Each data packet is compressed, encrypted and sent to the device processing server over the Internet. The central server obtains the packet and decrypts the data. The data is processed and an acknowledge signal is sent to the premises server. The premises server then is ready to send the next ~~package~~ packet. If the data cannot be processed or appears to be compromised, the central server will not acknowledge the packet. Accordingly, the premises server will either try to resend the packet or fail the transmission. As will be readily understood by one skilled in the art, the method is also utilized to transmit data from the central server to the premises server or to a notification acceptor.

The encrypted ~~package~~ packet transmission method of the present invention allows the security network to utilize standard communication channels, while mitigating the security risks associated with those channels. Moreover, the method further mitigates the loss of data in transmitting the data through the security network.